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ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

PRESIDENT WILSON ON THE NAVY.

The following paragraphs were taken from President Wilson address to the navy yesterday:

I like to image in my thoughts an ideal. These quiet ships, lying in the river have no suggestion of bluster about them—no intimation of aggression. They are commanded by men thoughtful of the duty of citizens as well as the duty of officers—men acquainted with the traditions of the great service to which they belong—men who know by touch with the people of the United States what sort of discretion they ought to exercise, in order to use those engines of force to promote the interests of humanity.

"For the interesting and inspiring thing about America is that she asks nothing for herself except what she has a right to ask for humanity itself. We want no nation's property, we wish to question no nation's honor, we wish to stand selfishly in the way of no nation, we want nothing that we can not get by our own legitimate enterprise and by the inspiration of our own example. Standing for these things, it is not pretension on our part to say that we are privileged to stand for what every nation would wish to stand for, and speaking for those things which all humanity must desire.

When I think of the flag which those ships carry, the only touch of color about them, the only thing that moves as if it had a settled spirit in it, in their solid structure, it seems to me that I see alternate strips of parchment upon which are written the right of liberty and justice and stripes of blood spilled to vindicate those rights and then, in the corner, a prediction of the blue serene into which every nation may swim which stands for these great things.

The mission of America is the only thing that a sailor or soldier should think about! he has nothing to do with the formulation of her policies—he is to support her policy whatever it is—but he is to support her policy in the spirit of herself, and the strength of our policy is that we, who for the time being, administer the affairs of this nation, do not originate her spirit, we attempt to embody it; we attempt to realize it in action; we are dominated by it, we do not dictate it.

And so with every man in arms who serves the nation. He stands and waits to do the things which the nation desires. America sometimes seems, perhaps, to forget her program, or rather, I will say that sometimes those who represent her seem to forget her program.

But the people never forget. It is as startling as it is touching to see how, whenever you touch a principal you touch the hearts of the people of the United States. They listen to your debates of policy, they determine which party they will prefer to power, they choose and prefer as ordinary men; but their real affection, their real force, their real irresistible momentum is for the ideals which men embody.

And so with this sight in the river touches me merely as a symbol of that and it quickens the pulse of every man who realizes these things, to have anything to do with them. When a crisis occurs in this country it is as if you put your hand on the pulse of a dynamo; it is as if the things which you were in connection with were spiritually bred. You had nothing to do with them, except if you listen truly to speak the things that you hear.

These things now brood over the river; this spirit now moves with the men who represent the nation in the navy; things will move upon the waters of the maneuvers; no threat lifted against any man, against any nation, against any interest, but just a great solemn evidence that the force of America is the force of moral principle, that there is not anything else that she loves and there is not anything else for which she will contend.

THE DUTY OF THE AMERICAN CITIZENS.

Never before has there been such a catastrophe as now confronts the people of the world. Millions of men and billions of dollars are thrown in the conflict in an effort for predominance. Now they are attempting to involve the one peace-loving nation of the universe, the United States of America.

Our citizenship is composed of men who have come from all of the lands that are at war. These citizens and their descendants, too, have a strong affiliation for the land of their birth. The idea that they should be compelled to take sides in a war to the death with the fatherland or the motherland is abhorrent and leaves them in a condition of indecision.

We have this message or suggestion to give to them: They know that this country is the country of liberty and of peace; that it seeks no territory or aggrandizement or advantage by forceful means; that it asks only of the world that it be permitted peacefully to work out to a gradual perfection the ideals of the founders of the constitution, expressed two thousand years ago in that divine idea, peace on earth, good will to men.

It is natural that those of alien birth think fondly of the land that is behind them, but as President Wilson has said, they came here because of a brighter hope for the future, and they should not look over their shoulder at the country they abandoned.

When they pledged allegiance to the United States and its ideals, they obligated themselves as men of honor to adhere to the doctrines and the policy of this Government. And, therefore, it is their solemn duty in this emergency to uphold by word and deed the officials in whom we have placed the responsibility of acting in this hour of trial.

But it is only natural that these Americans by adoption look back over memory's dim horizon to the land of their cradles. They would not be good citizens if they did not hold in sacred memory the homes of their parents, their sisters and brothers. For these we have the highest regard and with whom every native American sincerely sympathizes.

But it must be a source of consolation to them to know that in all of the countries of the world, except Germany, there are but few more Germans than the number who live beneath the stars and stripes.

There are more native born Teutons and their descendants in the United States than any other nationality, and that is why a break between this country and the Fatherland means more than if a dozen other nations were to declare war on old glory.

The German took a prominent part in the fight to set America free; he was in the struggle from '61 to '65, and as Herman Ridder, the greatest German editor of them all has said, the German-American will still be loyal to the stars and stripes against any foe that might assail them.

THE CITY PARK PROBLEM.

The Commercial Club last night did what was to have been expected in endorsing the plan to buy the Fairgrounds, but we believe it made a mistake in its suggestion that additional ground be purchased.

The tract of land beyond the northern boundary of the city and the fort to the south would make ideal park property, but will the people vote to buy all of them? Would it not be better to vote upon the Fairgrounds now and delay the other two propositions until later?

The Fairgrounds is needed most, because it has a location that is within easy access of every resident of this city. That makes it exceptionally desirable. A park, to give its greatest benefits, must be centrally located, especially in a small city.

If the voters would approve the plan to purchase the three tracts, there could not be three prettier park sites found anywhere. But the question is: Will the people approve of a \$60,000 bond issue? If they will not, then it would be disastrous to the Fairgrounds project, which the people want, and which they will approve, if given the opportunity.

Cape Girardeau needs the Fairgrounds more than it does any other plot of ground, because it is the only tract that can be obtained which would meet all of the requirement of a city park. What is needed is a park large enough to accommodate the people, with lakes, hills and trees and convenient to car line and that is a brief description of the Fairgrounds.

The Commercial Club has made no mistake by calling a mass meeting in order to hear the public's views. It would be a great mistake to misjudge the wishes of the people and lose the Fairgrounds by biting off more than we can chew.

\$14,317 TO BE SPENT ON PACIFIC STREET

John Rouse Wins Contract from City Over Four Competitors.

Over four competitors for the contract to improve Pacific street, John Rouse was awarded the contract last night by the council on his bid of \$14,317.95.

At first there were six opposing bidders, but before the meeting was called to order, Herman Loeffel withdrew his bid, leaving five to compete for the work.

The bids offered were as follows: John F. McMahon, \$16,193.50; Anton Haas, \$15,908.50; John H. Rouse, \$14,317.52; Carmen & Bennett, \$17,607.52; E. F. Regenhart, \$15,986.06.

On motion of Councilman Kaess, the contract was awarded to Mr. Rouse.

The petition of citizens along Bellevue street, between Pacific and Maud avenue for fire plug and water mains, upon motion of Mr. Kaess, seconded by Mr. Fowler, was ordered granted.

Upon reading the petition of the Ladies Cemetery Committee for an appropriation from the city, Mr. Kaess moved that they be given \$250, the same sum that was awarded them last year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Armgardt and was carried unanimously.

The report of Ways and Means Committee recommending that the collector be instructed to publish a notice for one week calling upon all delinquent taxpayers and advising them that unless their taxes are paid at once, suit will be brought for collection, was received and filed and concurred in.

The Judiciary Committee presented an amendment to the motor vehicle ordinance, making provision for all licenses to expire on January 1st.

The chairman of the Judiciary Committee, in answer to the petition for opening Merriwether street, filed a report in which he said he had reviewed the petition thoroughly, and had been slow to act because he felt satisfied that it would involve protracted litigation.

He stated that the C. G. & No. Ry. had sued out an injunction which was made perpetual, as to the present grade line, and that while he did not wish to stand in the attitude of being opposed to opening Merriwether, it is a matter of the gravest sort that will resolve itself into a question of damages when it comes to a show down, and expressed the fear that it would involve much expense. He recommends that the petitioners file a bond with the city to meet the expenses of litigation. The report was signed by Charles Armgardt, chairman, and upon the motion of Councilman Medley, was received and filed.

Councilman Black stated to the council that when the matter of amending the ordinance referring to motor vehicles, was brought up for action, that there are many things yet to be added and suggested that the matter be deferred until the next meeting.

The clerk announced to the council, that the Mayor in vacation had appointed Messrs. Fowler, Kaess and Blumer, as a special sewer committee. Proof of publication for grading and paving Main street was filed.

A certified copy of the order of the County Court regarding the method of arranging the assessment of the county property was received and filed.

The Street and Wharf Committee and the city engineer submitted their report of the completion of the contract of Anton Haas, of the sidewalks and curbs on Mill, Spanish and Mason streets. The apportionment by the city engineer of the cost of the work was received and approved.

Mayor Kage advised the council that he and Chief of Police Jeff Hutson had been considering the proposition of purchasing some cheap clothing for a prison garb, to be used to prevent prisoners from carrying saws and other instruments concealed about their clothing into the cells, and render their escape less probable.

Upon motion of Councilman Fowler the chief was empowered with authority to make what purchases he deemed necessary for the purposes mentioned.

Upon the request of Mayor Kage for an expression of the council as to the amount of the appropriation to be asked for before issuing his proclamation for the election to decide upon the purchase of the Fairgrounds, it was decided to refer the matter to a committee composed of Councilmen Bowman, Black, Fowler and Kaess to investigate and ascertain the amount necessary and report at the next meeting.

The clerk was instructed by the Mayor to make an order of record that Mr. Black was excused from the Street and Wharf Committee at his own request, that Mr. Blumer is appointed in his stead.

A letter from Senator Lane, relating to the proposition of opening Mer-

BANKERS' TRUST FAILURE CAUSES U. S. INQUIRY

Postoffice Inspectors Make Effort to Learn Whether Mails Were Misused.

UNEARNED DIVIDENDS TO BE INVESTIGATED

Many Cape Girardeauans Lost Heavily in Collapse of St. Louis Concern.

St. Louis, May 15.—Postoffice inspectors have begun an investigation of the Bankers' Trust Co., which failed last summer and went into the hands of a receiver. Many residents of Cape Girardeau, Mo., lost heavily in the collapse of this institution.

The question to be determined is whether misuse of the mails has been made in promoting the sale of the company's stock. There have been intimations that the company padded its reports of earnings with fictitious credits and for several years paid dividends that had not been earned. The inquiry will go into this and an attempt will be made to find out whether in this connection, false representations were made through the mails.

Postoffice inspectors today refused to discuss what they are doing, but it was learned the investigation is under the direction of Inspector Price.

An audit of the company's books, which was made by a firm of certified accountants at the instance of H. C. Morrow, formerly vice president of the company, who lost heavily in its failure, has been placed in the hands of the inspectors.

A copy of this report is also in the hands of Circuit Attorney Harvey. The Circuit Attorney has been visited by persons who have lost heavily by the company's failure and has been urged to make an investigation. He has said that he will take it up as soon as he can get around to it. He has been in possession of information about some of the company's transactions for the past five or six months.

The Bankers' Trust Co. owned a chain of country banks in Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Following its failure it was found to have borrowed heavily from these banks on various kinds of paper.

STROKE KILLS J. M. KELLEY

J. M. Kelley, a well known resident of McClure, and foreman on the large alfalfa farm of William Lightner, died at his home yesterday afternoon at about 1:30 o'clock. His death was due to paralysis with which he was stricken a few hours before.

He was 48 years of age, and is survived by a wife, four daughters and two sons, all of whom live near McClure.

His funeral services will be held this afternoon and interment will be in the Jonesboro Cemetery.

COURT PROCEEDINGS

In the case of State vs. Sam Perkins, on the charge of grand larceny, defendant entered a plea of guilty and was given two years in the reform school. Perkins is a negro boy, 16 years old, and was charged with having stolen \$30 from the trouser pockets of a mechanic employed at Groves' garage.

In the case of Wenzel Nitch vs. William Klaproth, for possession of property, verdict was rendered in favor of the plaintiff who was also awarded damages to the amount of \$5.

riwether street, was read, in which it was stated by the attorney that while he had gone into the matter to some extent, he was not yet clear as to the method to pursue, and upon the motion of Councilman Fowler the matter was deferred until next meeting.

Bids for auditing the city books were offered, the lowest one being for \$450. Upon motion of Mr. Black the matter was referred to the Ways and Means Committee for report at the next meeting.

The motion of Mr. Medley that the Judiciary Committee and Senator Lane be instructed to proceed at once, along legal lines to open Merriwether street, was carried.

It was ordered that the street commissioner be instructed to place stepping stones where needed in that section of Donnybrook where sidewalks had been constructed.

It was ordered that the Utilities Company be instructed to place a light on North Sprigg street.

The motion to have the lower limbs of the trees in the court yard pruned, was carried.

2960 CHILDREN OF SCHOOL AGE HERE

E. P. Ellis Finds City Whites Increased Last Year, But Negroes Decreased.

E. P. Ellis, census taker, has compiled a list of the youthful population of this city who are of school age, and in his report to the Board of Education, states that Cape Girardeau has 2,960 children old enough to attend school. This does not include pupils at the College are at St. Vincent's Academy.

Mr. Ellis found only 251 colored children, a large decrease over last year's report. There are 2,709 white children of which number 1,387 are girls and 1,322 are boys. This report is in keeping with government's enumerations which show that the United States has more females than males.

Henry Koch, a bricklayer, who lives on Themis street, is the greatest contributor to the census in the city. Of his fourteen children, nine of them are of school age and are now attending the public schools. When Mr. Koch's family are at home, the family table is not large enough to accommodate all at one time. One battalion is served at a time.

James Simpson is the head of a family of fourteen children, also, but as some of them are by other marriages of Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, he cannot be classed with Mr. Koch.

Several twins were reported by Mr. Ellis, but Oscar Marlen, who occupies a new home in the Red Star addition, is entitled to recognition from the Rooseveltian bird because he has three sets of twins.

The report was a pleasing surprise to the School Board, as it revealed an increase of 150 more children of school age than were recorded last year. By including the pupils in the college and the academy, the number of school children would pass the 3,000 mark. Mr. Ellis listed only the Normal pupils who are natives of this city.

Based upon the returns of the school census, members of the School Board say the total population of this city will aggregate 15,000. This is in accordance with the Government's ruling of an average of five persons to the family. Mr. Ellis says most of the families had children too old to attend school.

MISS DAY'S PUPILS TO GIVE RECITAL TONIGHT

Students of Piano and Violin to Render Excellent Program in Normal Auditorium.

A violin and piano recital will be given in the Normal Auditorium at 8:30 this evening by the advanced pupils studying under Miss Verna Day, of the Normal faculty.

This will be one of the principal musical entertainments given by Normal students this season. Miss Day is an excellent musician and her class of musicians, are said to be very proficient.

The program for this evening follows: Menuett aus der Sinfonie in C dur Haydn Intermezzo Macbeth

Naomi Pott, Irene Boquet, Esther Reisenbichler, Evelyn Hill. Barcarolle Pennington Ruth Cashion.

Cantilene Borowski

Esther Reisenbichler. Violin Duet—Salut d'Armour... Elgar

Naom Pott, Esther Reisenbichler. Piano Duet—Alone Goerdeler

Ruth Cashion, Verna Day. Souvenir Gebhardt

Traumerei—Reverie Schumann Naomi Pott.

Lucia di Lammermoor Donzetti Violin Quartette.

Miss Elizabeth Beach, teacher of vocal music at the Normal, will give a recital in the Training School chapel at the Normal at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Miss Beach has an excellent voice and her friends are looking forward to this entertainment with unusual interest.

FRISCO EMPLOYEES SELECT WEBB CITY

Springfield, Mo., May 17.—Webb City was selected by the Frisco employees as the place for the annual excursion, which will be Saturday, June 19. Five thousand persons will leave here in special trains for the big outing.

SHERIFF KEARBEY IS DEAD

Sheriff J. P. Kearbey of Butler County, who was shot by William Wilson, an escaped convict, in the railroad yards at Poplar Bluff Thursday afternoon, died at the hospital in that city yesterday. The convict was slain by the sheriff and Constable Powell.

FARMER, CALLED HORSETHIEF, IS SOUGHT IN CAPE

Escapes from Stoddard Sheriff After Being Shot Through Arm.

SAID TO HAVE TAKEN SCOTT COUNTY HORSE

William Bass Believed to Have Fled to Cape to See Relatives.

The police of Cape Girardeau have been notified by the officials of Stoddard to be on the lookout for William Bass, a farmer, who was wounded last night after breaking away from Sheriff Barham, who was escorting the agriculturist to jail on a charge of horse stealing.

The bullet, according to the sheriff and spectators, who saw the sheriff make a target of the farmer, struck Bass in the right arm just below the shoulder. The limb hung limp, but the farmer continued his dash for liberty, and after chasing him for quite a distance, the sheriff abandoned the race.

After learning that the parents of Bass' wife lived in the Cape, Sheriff Barham notified Chief Hutson to watch for the farmer, who was expected to have reached this city on an early morning train. Although the man's arm is supposed to have been shattered, no physician in Bloomfield was called upon to administer to the wounded farmer last night.

Deputy Sheriff George Wood of Stoddard County last night notified The Tribune of the shooting. He said that Bass was accused of stealing a horse from a farmer in Scott County last March. He took to his farm, which is located about three miles from Bloomfield, said Mr. Wood. A short time later he advertised the animal as a stray horse, but no one called for it.

According to Mr. Wood, Bass made a confidant of a woman who lives near his farm and she notified Sheriff Barham. The sheriff investigated the case and discovered that the Scott County farmer had lost a horse in March.

Sheriff Barham went to the Bass home early last evening and placed the farmer under arrest. He was taken to Bloomfield to be placed in jail, but after reaching that city he asked the sheriff if he would not permit him to be liberated on bail. The sheriff escorted the prisoner over the city in search of a bondsman, and while they were in a hardware store, the sheriff stepped to one side to talk to the merchant in behalf of the prisoner, and Bass rushed to the door and started down the street.

Sheriff Barham pursued him and when he ignored a command to halt, the sheriff opened fire. One bullet struck him in the right arm. He uttered a scream and seized his arm, but continued running. A moment later his injured arm was noticed swinging helplessly by his side. He was too speedy for his pursuers and soon disappeared into a woodland on the outskirts of the city.

The sheriff notified the various physicians in the city to report to him if a man suffering from a bullet wound called upon them to have an injury dressed. But as he failed to visit one of the Bloomfield physicians, the sheriff believes he boarded a train for Cape Girardeau. A close watch was kept for him at his home, but he never returned.

While in Cape Girardeau a year ago, he was accused of stealing a load of lumber and was arrested for the charge, but the matter was adjusted and Bass was never prosecuted. Deputy Sheriff Wood announced last night.

WOOLWORTH CO. OFFICIAL DIES

S. H. Knox, One of Wealthiest Men of Country, Began With Nothing.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 17.—Seymour H. Knox, vice president of the F. W. Woolworth Co., chairman of the board of directors of the Marine National Bank of Buffalo, and prominently identified with a score of other business and financial concerns, is dead here.

Starting life with neither capital nor prospects, Mr. Knox died one of the wealthiest men of the country. He was born in Russell, St. Lawrence County, N. Y., in 1861. He started his career as clerk in a store at Hart, Mich. From there he went to Reading, Pa., where, with his cousin, F. W. Woolworth, he opened a 5 and 10 cent store. This store was the start of a chain of similar stores extending from coast to coast.

Knox's trotters and pacers, bred at his stock farm near East Aurora, were frequent winners on the grand circuit.

CAPE FISHERMEN ARE NABBED BY WARDENS

Matt Buckner and William Wines Pay \$50 Each for Angling With Nets.

Matt Buckner and William Wines were arrested by game wardens Thursday morning while in the act of raising a fish net which had been set on the Illinois side of the river at a point about opposite this city.

They were taken to Cairo where they were given a hearing Friday morning on the charge of violating the game and fish laws of the State of Illinois. Both were found guilty of the offense with which they had been charged, and each was fined \$10 and costs, making a total penalty of about \$50 each.

Their arrest was made so quietly that members of their families, who reside in this city, were unaware of any unusual conditions. When they failed to appear at their homes Friday evening, considerable anxiety was expressed, but before morning they succeeded in getting in communication with friends in this city who informed their anxious relatives of what was transpiring, and advised them that the prisoners would return home as soon as the hearings were finished.

When their trials were over and they were given their release at about 11 o'clock Friday morning, they concluded not to wait for any trains, but to start at once and walk back home.

They walked of Thebes and there came across the bridge to Illinois where they rested until the cool of the evening, when they continued their walk into the Cape arriving here at about midnight.

They complained that they were not given a hearing at McClure before a Justice of the Peace, where they felt they would have been able to establish their innocence of any violation of the law and thus avoided the necessity of the expense and inconvenience of going to Cairo. The officers who arrested them it is said took one of the nets to use as evidence against the prisoners at the trial.

\$50,000 OIL PLANT WILL LOCATE IN THIS CITY

Secretary Hinchey Announces New Industry Will Be Running In Month.

Secretary Hinchey of the Commercial Club, last night reported that final arrangements had been made for the establishment of the plant of the Efficiency Oil Products Co. in this city.

The company has been organized with a capital stock of \$50,000. The home offices will be in Cape Girardeau, and branch offices will be in St. Louis, Springfield and Joplin. The Cape Girardeau office will be one of the main distributing points for the products which will be manufactured in St. Louis.

The tanks at the filling stations will all bear the mark in bold letters: "The Efficiency Oil Products Co. of Cape Girardeau."

Grounds for the station has been bought in South Cape. Tanks, trucks, and all necessary machinery have been ordered, and everything will be completed and in active operation within thirty days.

One tank of more than a half-car capacity will be hauled overland from St. Louis to this city, and will be started on the trip within the next few days.

POSTMASTER SLAIN IN ROBBERY; COUPLE ARE SUSPECTED

Body of Victim in Murder at Kennedy, Mo., Supposed to Have Been Thrown Into River.

Caruthersville, Mo., May 15.—J. A. Baynes, postmaster at Kennedy, 17 miles north of this city, was killed sometime Friday morning and presumably thrown into the river, as the body has not been found. Indications are that he was asleep in his home when struck with his own ax. Blood spots led from the house to the river bank, 100 feet away, and on old skiff is gone.

The postoffice in the same building had been ransacked, but there is no way of telling whether any money was secured. A watch and a gun belonging to Baynes are missing.

The crime is thought to have been committed by a man and a woman.

LIEUTENANT KILLED AT POLO

Cavalry Officer's Skull Fractured at Honolulu.

Honolulu, T. H., May 17.—Lieut. M. Lyman of the Fourth Cavalry, S. A., whose skull was fractured in collision with Walter Dillingham in polo game Saturday, died last night.